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ANALOG DEVICES, INC. and  
MAXIM INTEGRATED PRODUCTS, INC.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NUMBER 14 B.V.,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANALOG DEVICES, INC.; and MAXIM  
INTEGRATED PRODUCTS, INC.

Defendants.

ANALOG DEVICES, INC.; and MAXIM  
INTEGRATED PRODUCTS, INC.,

Counterclaimants,

v.

NUMBER 14 B.V., RUDY ESCHAUZIER,  
and NICO VAN RIJN,

Counter-Defendants.

Case No.: 5:24-cv-02435-EKL

**DECLARATION OF YOGESH  
SHARMA IN SUPPORT OF  
DEFENDANTS AND  
COUNTERCLAIMANTS' MOTION TO  
RETAIN CONFIDENTIALITY**

Date: May 14, 2025  
Time: 11:00 a.m.  
Dept: Courtroom 5, 4th Floor  
Judge: Hon. Nathanael Cousins

I, Yogesh Sharma, declare as follows:

1. I am employed at Analog Devices Inc. ("ADI") as a Design Director and hereby submit this Declaration in support of Defendants/Counterclaimants' Motion to Retain Confidentiality. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, and if called as a witness,

1 could and would testify competently hereto.

2 2. I have worked for over 15 years in the field of development of analog integrated  
3 circuits. As a Design Director, I have personal knowledge of Maxim and ADI's general practices  
4 related to licensing of intellectual property, including the practice of maintain confidentiality in  
5 its license agreements.

6 3. I am informed that the July 20, 2007 License Agreement signed by Maxim and  
7 both Mr. Rudy Eschauzier and Mr. Nico van Rijn as individuals was produced to Plaintiff  
8 Number 14 B.V. in response to Number 14's Requests for Production, labelled as document  
9 ADI\_018939 to ADI\_018950 (the "License Agreement").

10 4. The License Agreement contains details about royalty payments, not included in  
11 other agreements.

12 5. The financial information, technical specifications, and definitions in the License  
13 Agreement are exclusive to the Inventors and public disclosure of these terms would severely  
14 prejudice Maxim and ADI's business and negotiating ability in the marketplace.

15 6. The technical specifications from the License Agreement provide a shortcut for  
16 competitors of Maxim and ADI to create a competing device. In turn, public access creates unfair  
17 competition and business development losses for Maxim and ADI. This would severely prejudice  
18 Maxim and ADI since it would provide a competitive advantage to the public.

19 7. ADI and Maxim treat their license agreements as highly confidential and restrict  
20 access to them on a strict need-to-know basis within the company. The License Agreement is not  
21 available to the public.

22 8. Maintaining the confidentiality of the License Agreement to the fullest extent  
23 possible is necessary to protect ADI's business interests, technical interests, and competitive  
24 standing in the marketplace.

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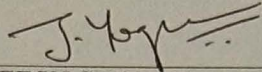
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1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the  
2 foregoing is true and correct.

3 Executed this 24 day of March, 2025 at Santa Clara (city), CA (state).  
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